



# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

We follow Christ by Living our Faith, Sharing Knowledge and Serving the Community.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018

## **Ephphatha! Be Opened.**

The last few weeks within our Catholic Church have been very difficult: The Pennsylvania Attorney General's report, former Cardinal McCarrick's abuse and resignation, the letter of accusation of the Pope by Archbishop Vigano, and our own local scandal with Presentation High School. It has surely been a brutal few weeks for all of us. As you know, I have been greatly distressed by these things and thank you to so many who reached out to me. I am going to speak very directly today about sensitive issues and you may need to help your children with understanding them. I apologize for that, but we Catholics need honesty at this moment.

Since I first preached about this 3 weeks ago, many victims have come to see me sharing their pain and asking me to advocate for them and be their voice. It has been a painful few weeks for me. It became clear to me that if I was to be their voice, I needed to find my own voice first. You see, I am not only speaking to you for the victims I am speaking to you as a victim. I, myself, was sexually abused by a priest 35 years ago and up until 2 weeks ago, I have never shared it with a soul, not even with my own family. The shame was simply too much.

It happened when I was 18 years old and the priest had spent 4 years grooming me for his final play. I first met him when I was in Boston with my parents at age 14. He spent the next four years writing to me regularly and even visiting me in Ireland. While I should have recognized the smaller inappropriate actions throughout those four years, I never did. I was a young boy who believed I had a vocation to the priesthood and I trusted a priest to guide me in that vocation. He waited until I turned 18 to make his move so I could not call it child abuse. He said this as he attacked me. While ultimately he was unsuccessful in his attempted rape of me, it left psychological scars and even more so spiritual scars. The priest was a notorious abuser from New Hampshire and Boston who admitted to raping dozens of boys and young men. In 2004, he confessed in court and was sentenced to 44 years in prison. He died in prison in 2006. With his death I thought, as many victims do, that my own suffering had ended. I was wrong.

Reading the Pennsylvania Attorney General's report traumatized me all over again. As I read about the systematic grooming and labeling of their victims I was transported back to my 18-year-old self and I cried and cried for the wounds of my younger self. I realized that I could no longer remain silent because the Church has not learnt from the past. My efforts to change the Church from within have been limited at best. So I did what I have always done, go to the Lord for guidance. At first the Lord encouraged to allow the anger to be my fuel and sorrow to be my face; make no sudden decisions to change and then to stay focused on Jesus Christ at all times. Then he said, "Listen to my word." "Listen to my word."

In today's scripture, Jesus says, "Ephphatha. Be opened. And immediately the deaf man's ears were opened and his speech impediment was removed." That was God's word to me. It is time for the Church to fully open their ears! And it is time for me to find my voice and tell my story; to allow my own speech impediment to be removed.

So what now? What do I say? To any victims out there, whether it be at the hands of a priest or someone else, I say to you, "try to find your voice." The truth will set you free. After 35 years of darkness let me tell you the light is so much better than the darkness. After telling my story to my family and friends, my true healing has begun. The anger is giving way to sorrow and now sorrow is giving way to peace in my soul. The truth has set me free. I know it seems impossible, but ask the Lord to gently give you the strength to find your voice, whether it is about abuse or other serious wrongs done to you. As Maya Angelou says, "There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you...The price is high but the reward is great."

To the family and friends of the victims: if we come forward, please just listen to our pain without judgment. We do not expect you to solve the past hurt or take away the suffering. We just want to be heard; telling the story strangely heals us. We want you to still love us for who we are. We are wounded but we still need your love, probably more now than ever. We are not broken goods. We have wounds but we are not the wounds themselves. Please just listen to us and hold us as we tell you our pain.

To those in authority in our Church, as Jesus says in the gospel today, "Ephphatha! Be opened." Please listen attentively to the victims. Hear our pain and suffering; the pain never fully leaves us. That's okay but your acknowledging it helps us heal.

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## Question of the Week

How does your parish help  
children to become closer to  
Jesus?

## NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



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Bishops, please personally listen to our stories. They are so many worse off than me. I was one of the lucky ones!

Bishops, please tell us the whole truth of the past now. Please don't make victims go to court or sue to have the truth be told. Don't wait for every state attorney general to force you to disclose everything about abuse in the diocese. Please list every credibly accused priest on your website with the details of what they are accused of, when and where. If you already believe it is credible then tell us. Then others can see and they can come out of their isolation and darkness. Please do not put fear of scandal and a culture of clericalism ahead of the protection of children and vulnerable adults. Please voluntarily agree to an "attorney general-like investigation" and hand over all the files to an outside qualified lay person. Let them go through the files and fully disclose everything. Let them verify that you are doing all you can to protect the children now.

My brother priests, please say you are sorry for the sins of your brother priests. We know it was not you but you represent them still. Bishops, please say you are sorry for your brother bishops and make some amends for the sins of the past. Please do some act of repentance; like promising to not wear the mitre for a year of mourning; visit and work with abused women; something to show you care about the suffering. We believe it was not you who moved these sick priests from parish to parish but the sins of your brother bishops still weigh on us. Share that weight, please, if only for a year of repentance.

Bishops, please work with the pope to reform the governance of the Church so that women have a voice of authority. I do not believe this travesty of justice would have happened if we had mothers and fathers at the decision-making tables; they would not have allowed other people's children to be put in harms way because they would see their own child in them.

To all parishioners please remember the victims. Advocate for them that they may receive justice. Please ask our bishops to be forthright in telling the full truth of the past. Please support our bishops to act now as it will be very hard to hear for all of us. May we create in our own parish a place for healing; a community of true belonging where all the wounded are welcomed: as Pope Francis calls it, "a field hospital" here in San Jose.

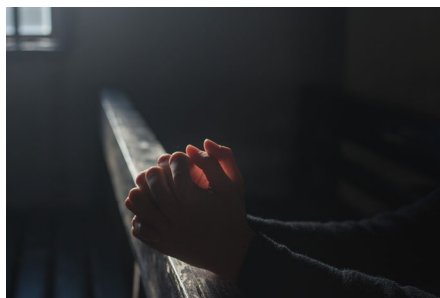
My story is complicated. I understand that. I became a priest, a pastor and a vicar general. It was a difficult journey to trust the Lord again but he showed me the way. After the original offense 35 years ago, the Lord still asked me to be priest and I can tell you I had some choice words for him:

"Seriously, Lord, you have some nerve still asking me to join the priesthood after what has happened at the hands of one of your clergy. NO way! Go away." I told the Lord to go away many times! But as you can see the Lord won that battle and I am glad I lost. I love my priesthood and love my ministry, here in the parish and at the diocese and I fully intend to stay in ministry as a priest. I believe I have made a difference in many people's lives for the better. I believe the Lord has put me here for this very moment.

Throughout all of the pain, the Lord has never left me alone. He has continued to love me, heal me and still calls me to serve him. I am only here today because the Lord keeps me in his heart and has surrounded me with loving family and friends. I am who I am because of the Lord's abundant grace. That despite the suffering and pain, the Lord is still here no matter what. He never left me then and he will not leave me now. I believe that is true for each of you and the Church itself. He has never left us and he will never leave us alone. May we find our voices and advocate for the victims and change and may the Church leaders open their ears.

Ephphatha! Be Opened.

## LIVING THE LITURGY



### Healing In a Time of Crisis

In this week's gospel, Jesus acclaim, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Surely, we are being called by our God this week to take up our crosses and follow him in both word and deed.

We gather this week with heavy

hearts, as we continue to learn more of the darkness surrounding our Church, such as the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report, the allegations of Arch-Bishop Vigano against Pope Francis, and the scandal at Presentation High School.

With so much sorrow and pain among the body of Christ, it is important for our Church to come together in response, especially in our home parish community. We must come together in prayer, in solidarity, and in action. St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also in Christ... If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor 12:12, 26).

Here at Holy Spirit Church, there are several ways we stand with those who are victims of abuse among the faithful of our Church. One such movement of solidarity, reconciliation and healing is through prayer. As a Church, we must pray together to ask God for healing, and the for the strength to move forward, taking up our cross of suffering and pain that we carry as the Church to follow him, the Church's founder and Savior.

**This Thursday, October 20th, Holy Spirit Parish will hold a Mass of Healing.** This Mass of Healing will be an opportunity to allow Christ into our own hearts for healing, and a plea to God to refine the Church, removing the darkness and sin that caused to much pain and suffering among the faithful. We will stand with the victims, pray for reconciliation and peace, and ask Christ to enter into our lives that the Body of Christ may begin to heal.

This week, Christ not only calls for us to follow him in our spiritual journey, but to take up our cross by the everyday actions of our hearts. The Gospel message calls us to action, and we as a Catholic Community must stand an act out of God's love for the entire body of the Church.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

M 9/17 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10  
T 9/18 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17  
W 9/19 1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35  
TH 9/20 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50  
F 9/21 Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
S 9/22 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
SU 9/23 Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 -- 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.

### Daily Mass / Communion Service

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

### Daily Holy Hour

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.

### Daily Rosary

Monday - Friday 9:15 a.m.

### Holy Days of Obligation

8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation

First Friday of the month  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.  
or by appointment



### MASS INTENTIONS

W 9/19	8:30	Dolores Fortich †
SA 9/22	5:00	Jeanne Sommer † Juanita LaJoie †
SU 9/23	8:00	Holy Spirit Parish
	9:30	Anthony Tuyen Vu † Joseph Thu Nguyen
	6:00	Gabino Gasmin †

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### For those who are ill:

Pete Huttlinger, Pat Lambert,  
Frances Mullin, Pete Perez,  
Joan Pirnik, Louis Pirnik, Bill Sterner

#### For those who have recently died:

Jeannette Mahoney, Charles Nulk

# Our Path to Reconciliation and Healing



## Mass of Healing

Please join us for a Mass of Healing for all victims of abuse on **Thursday, September 20th, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Church. Holy Spirit Parish is fully committed to the protection of children and vulnerable adults and ensuring a safe environment for all. We invite you to join us in prayer so that we may open our eyes and hearts to the innocent victims' pain and suffering as they embark on the path of reconciliation and healing.

### If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse, please reach out:

Office for the Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults  
Diocese of San Jose  
[www.dsj.org/opcva](http://www.dsj.org/opcva)  
408-983-0100 Ext. 113

Anthony D. Gonzalez, Director  
Direct Phone: 408-983-0113  
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Griselda Cervantez, MSW  
Victim Assistance Coordinator & Prevention Advocate  
Direct Phone: 408-983-0225

Ly Helgeson  
Safe Environment Coordinator  
Direct Phone: 408-983-0248

Or report it directly through Ethicspoint at <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/56183/index.html>

## PASTORAL CARE



### Depression in Seniors

As we grow older, we face significant life changes that can put us at risk for depression. Causes and risk factors that contribute to depression in older adults and the elderly include:

- Health problems - Illness and disability; chronic or severe pain; cognitive decline; damage to body image due to surgery or disease.
- Loneliness and isolation - Living alone; a dwindling social circle due to deaths or relocation; decreased mobility due to illness or loss of driving privileges.
- Reduced sense of purpose - Feelings of purposelessness or loss of identity due to retirement or physical limitations on activities.
- Fears - Fear of death or dying; anxiety over financial problems or health issues.
- Recent bereavement - The death of friends, family members, and pets; the loss of a spouse or partner.

Depression not only makes you feel sick—with aches, pains, and fatigue—it actually makes physical health worse. Depression also gets in the way of memory and concentration. In fact, it can have such an impact on thinking that it's sometimes mistaken for dementia. But depression is not a normal or necessary part of aging, and it can be successfully treated. You can feel better and enjoy your golden years once again, no matter what challenges you face.

Whether you're 18 or 80, you don't have to live with depression. Senior depression can be treated, and with the right support, you can feel better—the key word being support. It's extremely difficult to overcome depression on your own.

If you or someone you know could benefit from support resources for depression, contact Leah Harris, Pastoral Care, 408-997-5110 or [lharris@dsj.org](mailto:lharris@dsj.org).





**Encouraging Children to Share their Faith**

As Catholics, we are all called to deepen and share our faith in the Gospel message. Here are a few ways we can encourage our children to evangelize:

- Know your stuff: read scripture every day and review the doctrines of the Church so that you can be a resource for your children.
- Provide opportunities and a safe environment for your children to openly discuss/ask questions about their faith.
- Invite children to participate in Children’s Liturgy of the Word or youth group gatherings.
- Pray together before meals, whether you’re at home or out at a restaurant.
- Encourage your children to pray for others and ask others if they are in need of prayers, especially during this time when our Church is in need of prayers, and when things happen that are beyond our control.
- Remind them to exercise the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and to be Christ to others, even when acting selflessly is difficult.

**Youth Ministry Kick-offs**

We are back in business! Both 3sixty high school and Edge middle school ministries kicked off their respective youth nights in great fashion. Each had a wonderful showing of youth filled with tremendous energy. It was great to see the Parish Hall filled with such lively energy. We hope to build off this momentum into the year.



**3sixty High School Ministry**

After a fun night last Sunday with large group activities, this Sunday, 3sixty will focus in on small group activities. This will be an awesome way to intermingle in a more intimate setting and see where we are at in our relationship with Christ and how this ministry can help. All high school youth are invited to attend our night after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.



**Edge Middle School Ministry**

Our next Edge night is Wednesday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m. We will take a look at the Rosary and why it is such an important and powerful prayer in our faith. All middle school youth are invited!

**3sixty Fall Retreat – Save the Date**

3sixty’s Fall retreat will be on October 5-7, 2018 at Camp MayMac in Felton. This retreat is open to all high school youth. It is a wonderful way to break away from our normal, everyday life to concentrate on our relationship with Christ and with each other. More details will be posted up on the parish website.



**Art & Wine Festival**

Holy Spirit School Parent and Student Ambassadors will be at the Almaden Art & Wine Festival

**this Sunday, September 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please stop by our booth in the Kids Zone.



**Teddy Bear Picnic**

PreK brought their teddy bears to school last week for the annual teddy bear picnic. While the children were at recess, the teddy bears who were supposed to be “napping” decided to get up and explore.



**For more info about Holy Spirit School, please call 408-268-0794.**

**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS**

Holy Spirit School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in the admission of students, the administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other schooladministered programs.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Save the Date!

#### 2019 National Mission Trip San Augustine, TX February 17-23



Join us for the Holy Spirit Parish annual mission trip to San Augustine, Texas, February 17 – 23, 2019. The focus is on construction projects and long-term community building.

The trip is open to students in sixth grade or older and all Holy Spirit parishioners. Each student is required to be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. No prior experience is required.

#### Registration opens mid-October.

The approximate cost is \$1200. Visit the Holy Spirit website for more information, or contact Kyle Coulter at [kyledcoulter@yahoo.com](mailto:kyledcoulter@yahoo.com).

### ESL at OLR Needs Your Help!



We are in need of volunteers to help teach adult classes in English as a Second Language over at Our Lady of Refuge (2265 Lucretia Blvd., San Jose) on **Tuesday and Thursday classes from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The only requirements is knowing how to speak English, get fingerprinted, and complete a short training through VIRTUS.

Please let us know if this is a ministry you could share your time, talent and treasure with. It is very rewarding! If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Jim Gibbons at [jim@gibbons.com](mailto:jim@gibbons.com).

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

Dates subject to change. View our complete calendar at: [www.holyspiritchurch.org](http://www.holyspiritchurch.org)

MON 9/17	9:30 a.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Children's Choir Practice Faith Formation Classes Confirmation 1 Meeting Finance Council Meeting Men's Faith Group AA Meeting	Classroom 3 Church Parish Hall Church Parish Office Classroom 2 PK1 & Parish Hall
TUE 9/18	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Faith Group Watercolor Workshop HSS High School Info Night Women's Faith Group 3sixty Core Meeting	Parish Hall Classroom 3 Middle School Parish Hall Classroom 2
WED 9/19	6:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Men's Faith Group Confirmation 2 Meeting	Parish Office Church
THU 9/20	8:45 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Survival Sacks Adult Choir Practice Seasons of Hope Grief Consolation	Sacred Heart Church Be Still Room
FRI 9/21	9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Meeting Small Community of Faith HSS Middle School Dance	Parish Hall Offsite Gym
SAT 9/22	9:00 a.m.	GOFJ Opening Retreat	Parish Hall
SUN 9/23	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Faith Formation Nursery Faith Formation Tech for Seniors Girl Scouts Awards Ceremony 3sixty Youth Night	Parish Hall Pre-K Parish Hall Parish Office Church & Hall Parish Hall

## BULLETIN BOARD



### Monthly Doctors' Mass

All medical doctors are invited to attend a monthly Mass specifically dedicated to physicians and their work throughout our San Jose Diocese. **Mass is held each first Saturday of the month at 7:00 a.m. at St. Frances Cabrini Church in San Jose.**

**The next Doctors' Mass is scheduled for October 6th.** Mass is followed by a light breakfast and fellowship with colleagues. Come give your medical vocation some extra spiritual attention.

For more information, contact Steve Bui at [steve-khoi.bui@kp.org](mailto:steve-khoi.bui@kp.org), or call 408-972-6846.



## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - 2018

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018**

**ALMADEN**

**GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**

**Cost:** Entry fee: **\$225/player (\$210/Senior 65+) by Friday, Oct 19, 2018**

(Entry Fee includes greens & cart fees, range balls, prizes, lunch, heavy hors d'oeuvres and auction)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the other players in your foursome:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

- Payments: Please make checks payable to Holy Spirit (Note "Golf Tournament" in the memo area.)
- Note: Holy Spirit School parents may ask to have entry fees billed through their FACTS account.
- To pay by credit card in person, please visit the Holy Spirit School front office.
- To pay online, please visit the Holy Spirit Church or School website.

**Tournament Information:** 4 person Shamble\*. Make your own or choose to be paired up.

10:00 am Registration and Putting Contest on Putting Green (Contest commences at 10:30 am)

12:00 noon Shotgun Start – Lunch Provided

5:00 pm No-host Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres and Live Auction

\*Shamble rules: Take the best drive of the 4-some, then play your own ball to the hole.

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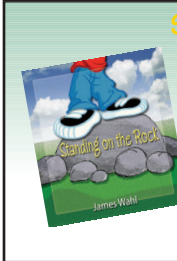
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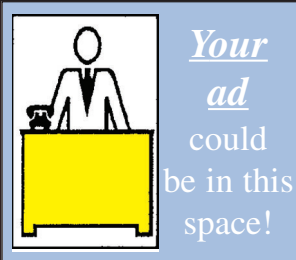
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